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1. At dusk on 31 January 1953, weakly lighted hangars were seen at the eastern edge of Vayenga Bay (N 69-05, E 33-27). Source heard the noise of running engines from aircraft, which were moored to buoys.
2. During the evening of 2 February 1953, a propeller-driven aircraft, with its position lights burning, crossed the port installations of Murmansk towing an illuminated sleeve target on a rope about 500 meters long. It appeared that the sleeve target was being fired at by light and medium antiaircraft guns probably emplaced on the hills east and north of Murmansk. After flying three or four kilometers to the north, the aircraft turned and approached the port again from the south. This maneuver lasted from 2100 to 2200 hours.
3. Between 31 January and 3 February 1953, source repeatedly heard the noise of jet aircraft, which came from the southeast and crossed Murmansk heading northwest.

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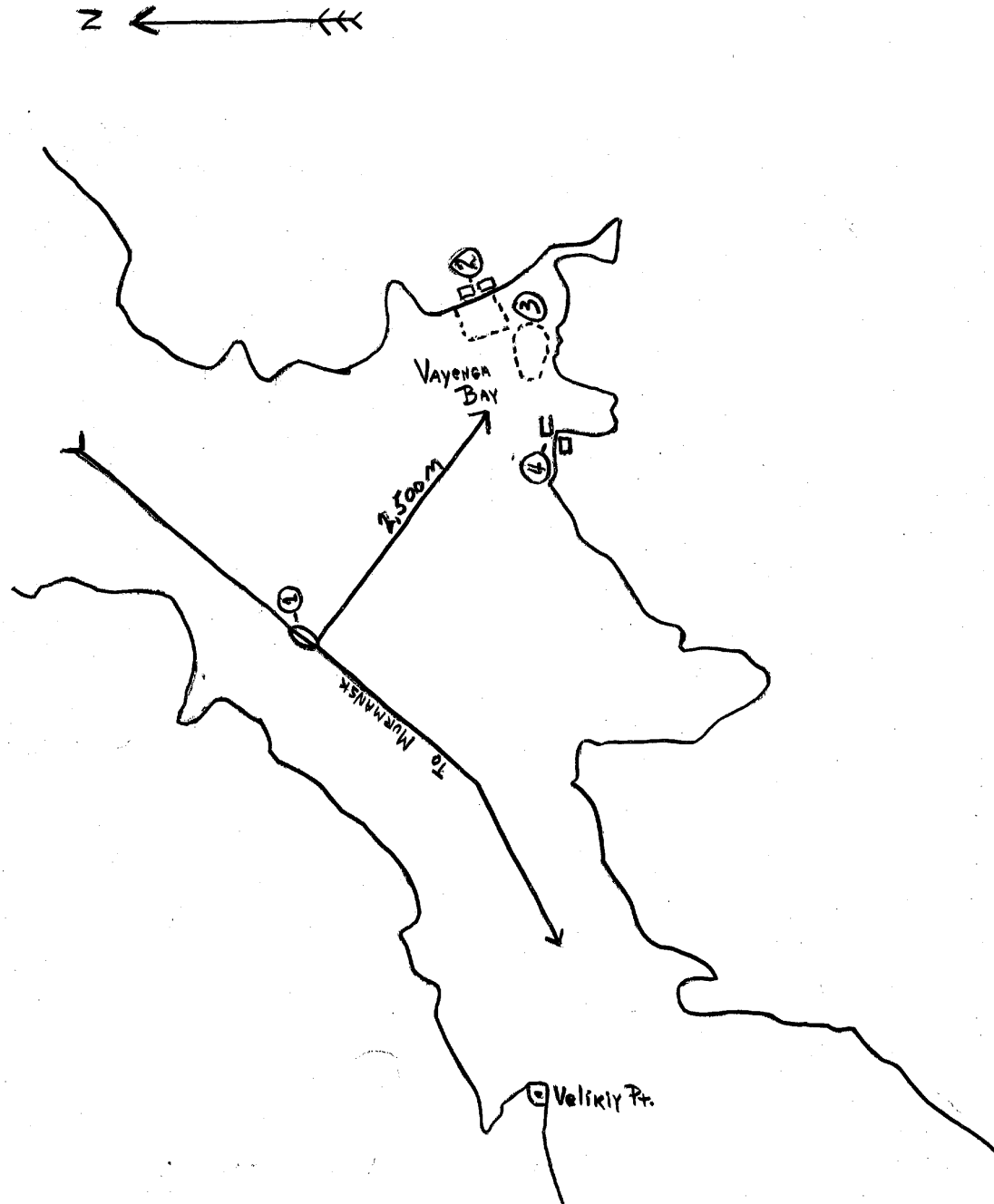
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Legend to Sketch of Vayenga

1.
2. Seaplane base with two hangars.
3. Moored Soviet vessels.
4. Floating dock at shipyard.

Sketch of Vayenga Seaplane Base



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